

Public Health Grand Rounds

On the Road Again: Promoting Safe Travel and the Public's Health March 26, 2004

Handouts/Program Notes

Major contributing factors to highway crashes

- Alcohol – 41% of fatal crashes and 6% of all crashes
- Speeding – 31% of all fatal crashes
- Youth – drivers under 25 had the highest fatal crash involvement rate of any age group
- Inattention – distracted driving drowsy driving

DUI Prevention Measures

- 0.08% BAC laws
- Minimum legal drinking age laws
- Sobriety checkpoint
- Mass media campaigns
- Zero tolerance laws for underage drivers

1997- 2002

- 2,355 children 14 years and younger killed in alcohol-related crashes
- 1,588— 68%—rode with intoxicated driver

Community Guide Priorities

- Increasing the proper use of child safety seats
- Increasing the use of safety belts
- Reducing alcohol impaired driving